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## **Redevelopment Board Minutes 06/07/2010**

Minutes of Monday, June 7, 2010  
Approved June 14, 2010

Second Floor Conference Room, Town Hall

Members Present:  
Bruce Fitzsimmons  
Chris Loreti, Chairman  
Roland Chaput  
Ed Tsoi

Several members of the public were also present.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. The Board reviewed the Work Tracking update until the advertised time for the hearing on 37 Drake Road, tabling the remainder of the report.

The Board then opened the Environmental Design Review Special Permit for 37 Drake Road. Andrew Thompson, representing the applicant, Clear Wireless LLC, submitted revised plans and photo-simulations which Ms. Kowalski dated June 7, 2010 to ensure the record would show that these plans supersede the plans previously submitted. Mr. Thompson also corrected and dated the application. After deliberation, Mr. Fitzsimmons moved to approve the Special Permit with conditions. Mr. Chaput seconded, and the permit was approved 4-0-0.

The Board then discussed the Symmes project. Ms. Kowalski reported on her conversation with JPI's James Duncan, saying she now has a standing weekly call with Mr. Duncan to monitor his progress in marketing the site. The Board discussed a draft letter from EA Fish, observing that it was general in nature. Ms. Kowalski would respond for the Board by requesting more specific information from contacts at EA Fish noting that the Board was not inclined to start a new public process for repositioning the development. Beth Ann Friedman and Janice Bordman, members of the Symmes Neighborhood Advisory Committee asked to address the Board. They questioned why the Board might communicate with EA Fish about Fish taking over the development, and asked what input the community would have. Mr. Fitzsimmons replied for the Board, saying that the Board, acting in the best interests of the Town, should consider all viable proposals regardless of who the proponent might be, and added that any developer would need to obtain both the Board's approval and to meet the terms the settlement agreement, noting that it was in the developer's interest to approach the litigants.

The Board then reviewed with Ms. Kowalski the documents to post on the Town's website regarding the Symmes project. This was intended to help interested parties acquaint themselves with the project.

The Board returned to the remainder of the tabled Work Tracking report. The Board asked Ms. Kowalski to determine the steps for extending the lease for the Housing Corporation of Arlington by three months. The Board was hesitant about whether a thrift shop, a potential tenant, would be a compatible use with existing occupants. Ms. Kowalski would ask the adjacent tenants, including Housing Corporation of Arlington, about this.

The Board then approved the minutes of April 5, 2010, as amended, on a motion by Mr. Chaput, seconded by Mr. Tsoi, 4-0-0. The Board approved the minutes of April 12, 2010, as amended, on a motion by Mr. Fitzsimmons, seconded by Mr. Chaput, 4-0-0. The Board approved the minutes of April 26, 2010, as amended, on a motion by Mr. Chaput, seconded by Mr. Tsoi, 4-0-0. The Board approved the minutes of May 17, 2010, as amended, on a motion by Mr. Chaput, seconded by Mr. Fitzsimmons, 4-0-0. The Board approved the minutes of May 24, 2010, as amended, on a motion by Mr. Fitzsimmons, seconded by Mr. Chaput, 4-0-0. The Board approved the minutes of June 1, 2010, as amended, on a motion by Mr. Tsoi, seconded by Mr. Fitzsimmons, 4-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Kowalski  
Secretary ex Officio